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CZECHOSLOVAK DAILY " MLADA FRONTA" MAY 12 CARRIED
INTERVIEW WITH CZECHOSLOVAK DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE
MINISTER IVAN PETER RE MAY 3 TALKS IN BONN ON
BILATERAL TRADE WITH FRG. PETER' S REMARKS
REVEALED SOME OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH AROSE DURING
THE PETER- ROHWEDDER DISCUSSIONS (REFTEL). PETER
ASSERTED THAT FRG SIDE CALIMED INABILITY TO
CONCLUDE BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA
BECAUSE " THEY SURRENDERED THAT PART OF THEIR
SOVEREIGNTY TO EEC"; HE CALLED ON FRG TO
OBSERVE PRESENT LONG- TERM TRADE AGREEMENT WITH
CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHICH EXPIERES AT END OF 1974.
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PETER WAS QUOTED AS SYAING CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS ABOUT 800 COMMODITIES FOR EXPORT TO THE FRG BUT WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO IMPORT QUOTAS, THAT OTHER WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ARE " MUCH MORE LIBERAL" IN TRADE POLICY TOWARD CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND THAT FRG PRACTICE " IMPEDES MODER TRADE." HE CONCLUDED BY CALLING FOR GREATER ECONOMIC COOPERATION, AS WELL AS DIRECT TRADE, ESPECIALLY IN FIELD OF MACHINE TOOLS.
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